

JoAnn Corson Bacheller  
Registered Diplomate Reporter  
Certified Realtime Reporter  
P. O. Box 8006  
Missoula, Montana 59807-8006  
406/829-7123 office  
406/542-7272 fax  
joann\_bacheller@mtd.uscourts.gov

United States Court Reporter

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
BUTTE DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. ) No. CR 14-27-BU-DLC  
CANADADRUGS.COM LTD. PARTNERSHIP, ) **TRANSCRIPT OF DOCKET CALL**  
THORKELSON CONSULTING, LTD., )  
4208081 CANADA, LTD., )  
ROCKLEY VENTURES, LTD., )  
GLOBAL DRUG SUPPLY, LTD., )  
RIVER EAST SUPPLIES, LTD., )  
KRISTJAN THORKELSON, )  
THOMAS HAUGHTON, )  
RONALD SIGURDSON, )  
TROY NAKAMURA, )  
DARREN CHALUS, )  
NARINDER KAULDER, )  
JAMES TRUEMAN, )  
Defendants.)

**BEFORE THE HONORABLE JEREMIAH C. LYNCH  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA**

Russell Smith United States Courthouse  
201 East Broadway  
Missoula, Montana 59802  
Thursday, January 7, 2016  
15:29:00 to 15:33:00

Proceedings recorded by FTR Gold Digital Audio

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

**APPEARANCES**

For the Plaintiff: MR. CHAD C. SPRAKER  
Assistant U.S. Attorney  
901 Front Street, Suite 1100  
Helena, Montana 59626

**CONTENTS**

Proceedings .....	3
Reporter's Certificate .....	6

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

PROCEEDINGS

(Open court.)

(Defendants not present.)

THE CLERK: This is the time set for initial appearance/arraignment in *USA v. the Canadian -- CanadaDrug, et al.* It's Case No. CR 14-27-Butte-DLC.

THE COURT: Mr. Spraker, good afternoon. What do you have to tell me?

MR. SPRAKER: Good afternoon, Your Honor.

THE COURT: What do you have to tell me?

MR. SPRAKER: Your Honor, I have been in communication with defense counsel for -- who has referred to himself previously as counsel for the corporate entities, and he indicated to me on Tuesday the 5th that he would not be attending today.

Prior to today's hearing, the United States made supplemental MLAT requests to the foreign authorities of Canada and the UK, requesting service on the corporate entities listed in the indictment.

The Canadian firm representing Kris Thorkelson and Tom Haughton received summonses on December 11 of 2015 as reflected in a recent filing, Exhibit A; and, also, a summons for River East was delivered personally to employees of River East on January 5 of 2016 as stated in Exhibit B.

Of course, it's a problem for the United States that

1 anytime that we have a foreign corporation -- and as evident  
2 today, we do not have corporate counsel for the defendants,  
3 which then brings us to the appropriate remedy.

4           This is an area of law that I researched in terms of  
5 what the government can do to bring a corporate defendant from  
6 a foreign country into the District of Montana, and what the  
7 government intends to do at this point is -- Kris Thorkelson  
8 and Tom Haughton are both heads of the respective companies  
9 that we've listed in the indictment. We're still proceeding  
10 with the extradition process, and what the Court could do  
11 potentially, if the corporate entities still refuse to come to  
12 court, is that the Court actually can appoint counsel for the  
13 companies once the individual defendants are here, which the  
14 government would propose for the two counsel for Thorkelson  
15 and Haughton.

16           Of course --

17           THE COURT: If they're eligible?

18           MR. SPRAKER: If they're eligible, correct, and once  
19 they make an appearance.

20           So what the government would propose is that we  
21 continue with the extradition process, and, if they still  
22 refuse to make an appearance, we would then ask the Court to  
23 appoint them as counsel.

24           THE COURT: In their absence or if they make the  
25 appearance?

1 MR. SPRAKER: If they make the appearance.

2 THE COURT: All right. Fine.

3 It's not that I don't like seeing you, but I will  
4 see you on this matter when I have them there next time.

5 MR. SPRAKER: Yes, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Fair enough?

7 MR. SPRAKER: Thank you.

8 THE COURT: All right. Good to see you.

9 MR. SPRAKER: You too.

10 THE COURT: Happy New Year.

11 MR. SPRAKER: You, too.

12 THE COURT: All right. The Court stands in recess.

13 THE CLERK: All rise.

14 (Proceedings were adjourned at 15:33:00.)  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, JoAnn Corson Bacheller, certify that the foregoing transcript is an accurate transcription to the best of my ability from the digital audio recording of the proceedings given at the time and place hereinbefore mentioned; and that a certified copy of this transcript will be filed electronically with the Court.

I further certify that I am not attorney for, nor employed by, nor related to any of the parties or attorneys to this action, nor financially interested in this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand at Missoula, Montana this 12th day of January, 2016.

/s/ JoAnn Corson Bacheller

---

JoAnn Corson Bacheller  
United States Court Reporter